

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3639
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BORDER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Task Force on Border Management headed by former Home Secretary submitted its report to the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the main recommendations of the Task Force;
- (c) whether the Government have examined these recommendations; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): A Group of Ministers (GOM), constituted in April, 2000 to review the National Security System in its entirety in the context of the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee, had set up four Task Forces, including a Task Force on Border Management, headed by Dr. Madhav Godbole, former Home Secretary. This Task Force made several recommendations relating to effective management of the land and coastal borders, including the air space, over a wide range of issues, like the deployment and restructuring of the Border Guarding Forces, development of border areas, monitoring and surveillance etc.

The inputs provided by all, including the Task Force on Border Management, were considered by the GOM. The GOM has since submitted its report and almost all of its recommendations have been accepted by the Government.